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NGA military analyst honored at Washington Capital's game

SPRINGFIELD, Virginia — A U.S. Army staff sergeant assigned to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Springfield, Virginia, headquarters was honored Feb. 1 during a Washington Capitals' home game at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C., for his service as an imagery analyst.

Staff Sgt. Cody Longbotham was nominated by the agency and selected by the Capitals as part of the team's "Salute the Troops" program, which honors a military member each week of the season during home games.

"I am a huge sports fan and any opportunity like this is pretty cool," said Longbotham.

Longbotham is one of more than 500 active duty and reserve military members supporting the agency's mission and daily operations. The service members serve in a variety of jobs throughout the agency, and work side by side with the civilian and contract workforce to provide NGA customers and national security decision makers the best geospatial-intelligence products.

"Staff Sgt. Longbotham exemplifies what it is to be a United States Army soldier," said NGA's senior enlisted adviser, Army Master Sgt. Adam Cook, who nominated Longbotham for the recognition. "He is a natural leader (who) can thrive in any situation or environment, (and he) has excelled during his time here at NGA."

Longbotham joined the Army in 2010 after graduating Brooke Point High School in Stafford, Virginia. He deployed twice to Afghanistan in 2011 and 2014 as an imagery analyst. On his second deployment, he logged over 700 combat hours during aviation operations. Longbotham started his tour at NGA in 2015 as an analyst and NGA liaison to the Defense Intelligence Agency. While at DIA, he was the sole NGA representative to the Office of Counterintelligence.

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He now works full-time at NGA's headquarters in the Analysis directorate working on counterintelligence projects.

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